

APPENDIX B STANDARD FIELD CLEANING PROCEDURES

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:

- To remove contaminants of concern from sampling, drilling and other field equipment to concentrations that do not impact study objectives using a standard cleaning procedure.

B.1 Introduction

Cleaning procedures in this appendix are intended for use by field personnel for cleaning sampling and other equipment in the field. Emergency field sample container cleaning procedures are also included; however, they should not be used unless absolutely necessary. Cleaning procedures for use at the Field Equipment Center (FEC) are in Appendix C.

Sampling and field equipment cleaned in accordance with these procedures must meet the minimum requirements for Data Quality Objectives (DQO) definitive data collection. Alternative field decontamination procedures may be substituted as outlined in Section 5.12 when samples are to be analyzed for data uses at a lower DQO level. Deviations from these procedures should be documented in the approved study plan, field records, and investigative reports.

These are the materials, methods, and procedures to be used when cleaning sampling and other equipment in the field.

B.1.1 Specifications for Cleaning Materials

Specifications for standard cleaning materials referred to in this appendix are as follows:

- Soap shall be a standard brand of phosphate-free laboratory detergent such as Liquinox®. Use of other detergent must be justified and documented in the field logbooks and inspection or investigative reports.
- Solvent shall be pesticide-grade isopropanol. Use of a solvent other than pesticide-grade isopropanol for equipment cleaning purposes must be justified in the study plan. Otherwise its use must be documented in field logbooks and inspection or investigation reports.
- Tap water may be used from any municipal water treatment system. Use of an untreated potable water supply is not an acceptable substitute for tap water.
- Analyte free water (deionized water) is tap water that has been treated by passing through a standard deionizing resin column. At a minimum, the finished water should contain no detectable heavy metals or other inorganic compounds (i.e., at or above analytical detection limits) as defined by a standard inductively coupled Argon Plasma Spectrophotometer (ICP) (or equivalent) scan. Analyte free water obtained by other methods is acceptable, as long as it meets the above analytical criteria.

- Organic/analyte free water is defined as tap water that has been treated with activated carbon and deionizing units. A portable system to produce organic/analyte free water under field conditions is available. At a minimum, the finished water must meet the analytical criteria of analyte free water and should contain no detectable pesticides, herbicides, or extractable organic compounds, and no volatile organic compounds above minimum detectable levels as determined by the Region 4 laboratory for a given set of analyses. Organic/analyte free water obtained by other methods is acceptable, as long as it meets the above analytical criteria.
- Other solvents may be substituted for a particular purpose if required. For example, removal of concentrated waste materials may require the use of either pesticide-grade hexane or petroleum ether. After the waste material is removed, the equipment must be subjected to the standard cleaning procedure. Because these solvents are not miscible with water, the equipment must be completely dry prior to use.

Solvents, laboratory detergent, and rinse waters used to clean equipment shall not be reused during field decontamination.

B.1.2 Handling and Containers for Cleaning Solutions

Improperly handled cleaning solutions may easily become contaminated. Storage and application containers must be constructed of the proper materials to ensure their integrity. Following are acceptable materials used for containing the specified cleaning solutions:

- Soap must be kept in clean plastic, metal, or glass containers until used. It should be poured directly from the container during use.
- Solvent must be stored in the unopened original containers until used. They may be applied using the low pressure nitrogen system fitted with a Teflon® nozzle, or using Teflon® squeeze bottles.
- Tap water may be kept in clean tanks, hand pressure sprayers, squeeze bottles, or applied directly from a hose.
- Analyte free water must be stored in clean glass, stainless steel, or plastic containers that can be closed prior to use. It can be applied from plastic squeeze bottles.
- Organic/analyte free water must be stored in clean glass, Teflon®, or stainless steel containers prior to use. It may be applied using Teflon® squeeze bottles, or with the portable system.

Note: Hand pump sprayers generally are not acceptable storage or application containers for the above materials (with the exception of tap water). This also applies to stainless steel sprayers. All hand sprayers have internal oil coated gaskets and black rubber seals that may contaminate the solutions.

B.1.3 Disposal of Solvent Cleaning Solutions

Procedures for the safe handling and disposition of investigation derived waste (IDW), including used wash water, rinse water, and spent solvents are in Section 5.15.

B.1.4 Equipment Contaminated with Concentrated Wastes

Equipment used to collect samples of hazardous materials or toxic wastes or materials from hazardous waste sites, RCRA facilities, or in-process waste streams should be field cleaned before returning from the

study. At a minimum, this should consist of washing with soap and rinsing with tap water. More stringent procedures may be required at the discretion of the field investigators.

B.1.5 Safety Procedures for Field Cleaning Operations

Some of the materials used to implement the cleaning procedures outlined in this appendix can be harmful if used improperly. Caution should be exercised by all field investigators and all applicable safety procedures should be followed. At a minimum, the following precautions should be taken in the field during these cleaning operations:

- Safety glasses with splash shields or goggles, and latex gloves will be worn during all cleaning operations.
- Solvent rinsing operations will be conducted in the open (never in a closed room).
- No eating, smoking, drinking, chewing, or any hand to mouth contact should be permitted during cleaning operations.

B.1.6 Handling of Cleaned Equipment

After field cleaning, equipment should be handled only by personnel wearing clean gloves to prevent re-contamination. In addition, the equipment should be moved away (preferably upwind) from the cleaning area to prevent recontamination. If the equipment is not to be immediately re-used it should be covered with plastic sheeting or wrapped in aluminum foil to prevent re-contamination. The area where the equipment is kept prior to re-use must be free of contaminants.

B.2 Field Equipment Cleaning Procedures

Sufficient clean equipment should be transported to the field so that an entire study can be conducted without the need for field cleaning. However, this is not possible for some specialized items such as portable power augers (Little Beaver®), well drilling rigs, soil coring rigs, and other large pieces of field equipment. In addition, particularly during large scale studies, it is not practical or possible to transport all of the precleaned field equipment required into the field. In these instances, sufficient pre-cleaned equipment should be transported to the field to perform at least one days work. The following procedures are to be utilized when equipment must be cleaned in the field.

B.2.1 Specifications for Decontamination Pads

Decontamination pads constructed for field cleaning of sampling and drilling equipment should meet the following minimum specifications:

- The pad should be constructed in an area known or believed to be free of surface contamination.
- The pad should not leak excessively.
- If possible, the pad should be constructed on a level, paved surface and should facilitate the removal of wastewater. This may be accomplished by either constructing the pad with one corner lower than the rest, or by creating a sump or pit in one corner or along one side. Any sump or pit should also be lined.
- Sawhorses or racks constructed to hold equipment while being cleaned should be high enough above ground to prevent equipment from being splashed.

- Water should be removed from the decontamination pad frequently.
- A temporary pad should be lined with a water impermeable material with no seams within the pad. This material should be either easily replaced (disposable) or repairable.

At the completion of site activities, the decontamination pad should be deactivated. The pit or sump should be backfilled with the appropriate material designated by the site project leader, but only after all waste/rinse water has been pumped into containers for disposal. No solvent rinsates will be placed in the pit. Solvent rinsates should be collected in separate containers for proper disposal. See Section 5.15 of this SOP for proper handling and disposal of these materials. If the decontamination pad has leaked excessively, soil sampling may be required.

B.2.2 "Classic Parameter" Sampling Equipment

"Classic Parameters" are analyses such as oxygen demand, nutrients, certain inorganics, sulfide, flow measurements, etc. For routine operations involving classic parameter analyses, water quality sampling equipment such as Kemmerers, buckets, dissolved oxygen dunkers, dredges, etc., may be cleaned with the sample or analyte-free water between sampling locations. A brush may be used to remove deposits of material or sediment, if necessary. If analyte-free water is samplers should be flushed at the next sampling location with the substance (water) to be sampled, but before the sample is collected.

Flow measuring equipment such as weirs, staff gages, velocity meters, and other stream gaging equipment may be cleaned with tap water between measuring locations, if necessary.

The previously described procedures are not to be used for cleaning field equipment to be used for the collection of samples undergoing trace organic or inorganic constituent analyses.

B.2.3 Sampling Equipment used for the Collection of Trace Organic and Inorganic Compounds

The following procedures are to be used for all sampling equipment used to collect routine samples undergoing trace organic or inorganic constituent analyses:

1. Clean with tap water and soap using a brush if necessary to remove particulate matter and surface films. Equipment may be steam cleaned (soap and high pressure hot water) as an alternative to brushing. Sampling equipment that is steam cleaned should be placed on racks or saw horses at least two feet above the floor of the decontamination pad. PVC or plastic items should not be steam cleaned.
2. Rinse thoroughly with tap water.
3. Rinse thoroughly with analyte free water.
4. Rinse thoroughly with solvent. Do not solvent rinse PVC or plastic items.
5. Rinse thoroughly with organic/analyte free water. If organic/analyte free water is not available, equipment should be allowed to completely dry. Do not apply a final rinse with analyte water. Organic/analyte free water can be generated on-site utilizing the portable system.
6. Remove the equipment from the decontamination area and cover with plastic. Equipment stored overnight should be wrapped in aluminum foil and covered with clean, unused plastic.

B.2.4 Well Sounders or Tapes

1. Wash with soap and tap water.
2. Rinse with tap water.
3. Rinse with analyte free water.

B.2.5 Fultz® Pump Cleaning Procedure

CAUTION - To avoid damaging the Fultz® pump:

- Never run pump when dry
- Never switch directly from the forward to the reverse mode without pausing in the "OFF" position

The Fultz® pump should be cleaned prior to use and between each monitoring well. The following procedure is required:

1. Pump a sufficient amount of soapy water through the hose to flush out any residual purge water.
2. Using a brush, scrub the exterior of the contaminated hose and pump with soapy water. Rinse the soap from the outside of the hose with tap water. Rinse the hose with analyte-free water and recoil onto the spool.
3. Pump a sufficient amount of tap water through the hose to flush out all the soapy water (approximately one gallon).
4. Pump a sufficient amount of analyte-free water through the hose to flush out the tap water, then purge with the pump in the reverse mode.
5. Rinse the outside of the pump housing and hose with analyte-free water (approximately 1/4 gal.).
6. Place pump and reel in clean plastic bag.

B.2.6 Goulds® Pump Cleaning Procedure

CAUTION - During cleaning always disconnect the pump from the generator.

The Goulds® pump should be cleaned prior to use and between each monitoring well. The following procedure is required:

1. Using a brush, scrub the exterior of the contaminated hose and pump with soap and tap water.
2. Rinse the soap from the outside of the pump and hose with tap water.
3. Rinse the tap water residue from the outside of pump and hose with analyte-free water.
4. Place the pump and hose in a clean plastic bag.

B.2.7 Redi-Flo2® Pump

The Redi-Flo2® pump should be cleaned prior to use and between each monitoring well. The following procedure is required:

CAUTION - Make sure the pump is not plugged in.

1. Using a brush, scrub the exterior of the pump, electrical cord and garden hose with soap and tap water. Do not wet the electrical plug.
2. Rinse with tap water.
3. Rinse with analyte free water.
4. Place the equipment in a clean plastic bag.

To clean the Redi-Flo2® ball check valve:

1. Completely dismantle ball check valve. Check for wear and/or corrosion, and replace as needed.
2. Using a brush, scrub all components with soap and tap water.
3. Rinse with analyte free water.
4. Reassemble and re-attach the ball check valve to the Redi-Flo2® pump head.

B.2.8 Automatic Sampler Tubing

The Silastic® and Tygon® tubing previously used in the automatic samplers may be field cleaned as follows:

1. Flush tubing with tap water and soap.
2. Rinse tubing thoroughly with tap water.
3. Rinse tubing with analyte free water.

B.3 Downhole Drilling Equipment

These procedures are to be used for drilling activities involving the collection of soil samples for trace organic and inorganic constituent analyses, and for the construction of monitoring wells to be used for the collection of groundwater samples for trace organic and inorganic constituent analyses.

B.3.1 Introduction

Cleaning and decontamination of all equipment should occur at a designated area (decontamination pad) on the site. The decontamination pad should meet the specifications of Section B.2.1.

Tap water (potable) brought on the site for drilling and cleaning purposes should be contained in a pre-cleaned tank of sufficient size so that drilling activities can proceed without having to stop and obtain additional water.

A steam cleaner and/or high pressure hot water washer capable of generating a pressure of at least 2500 PSI and producing hot water and/or steam (200°F plus), with a soap compartment, should be obtained.

B.3.2 Preliminary Cleaning and Inspection

The drill rig should be clean of any contaminants that may have been transported from another hazardous waste site, to minimize the potential for cross-contamination. Further, the drill rig itself should not serve as a source of contaminants. In addition, associated drilling and decontamination equipment, well construction materials, and equipment handling procedures should meet these minimum specified criteria:

- All downhole augering, drilling, and sampling equipment should be sandblasted before use if painted, and/or there is a buildup of rust, hard or caked matter, etc., that cannot be removed by steam cleaning (soap and high pressure hot water), or wire brushing. Sandblasting should be performed prior to arrival on site, or well away from the decontamination pad and areas to be sampled.
- Any portion of the drill rig, backhoe, etc., that is over the borehole (kelly bar or mast, backhoe buckets, drilling platform, hoist or chain pulldowns, spindles, cathead, etc.) should be steam cleaned (soap and high pressure hot water) and wire brushed (as needed) to remove all rust, soil, and other material which may have come from other hazardous waste sites before being brought on site.
- Printing and/or writing on well casing, tremie tubing, etc., should be removed before use. Emery cloth or sand paper can be used to remove the printing and/or writing. Most well material suppliers can supply materials without the printing and/or writing if specified when ordered.
- The drill rig and other equipment associated with the drilling and sampling activities should be inspected to insure that all oils, greases, hydraulic fluids, etc., have been removed, and all seals and gaskets are intact with no fluid leaks.
- PVC or plastic materials such as tremie tubes should be inspected. Items that cannot be cleaned are not acceptable and should be discarded.

B.3.3 Drill Rig Field Cleaning Procedure

Any portion of the drill rig, backhoe, etc., that is over the borehole (kelly bar or mast, backhoe buckets, drilling platform, hoist or chain pulldowns, spindles, cathead, etc.) should be steam cleaned (soap and high pressure hot water) between boreholes.

B.3.4 Field Cleaning Procedure for Drilling Equipment

The following is the standard procedure for field cleaning augers, drill stems, rods, tools, and associated equipment. This procedure does not apply to well casings, well screens, or split-spoon samplers used to obtain samples for chemical analyses, which should be cleaned as outlined in Section

B.2.3.

1. Clean with tap water and soap, using a brush if necessary, to remove particulate matter and surface films. Steam cleaning (high pressure hot water with soap) may be necessary to remove matter that is difficult to remove with the brush. Drilling equipment that is steam cleaned should be placed on racks or saw horses at least two feet above the floor of the decontamination pad. Hollow-stem augers, drill rods, etc., that are hollow or have holes that transmit water or drilling fluids, should be cleaned on the inside with vigorous brushing.
2. Rinse thoroughly with tap water.
3. Remove from the decontamination pad and cover with clean, unused plastic. If stored overnight, the plastic should be secured to ensure that it stays in place.

When there is concern for low level contaminants it may be necessary to clean this equipment between borehole drilling and/or monitoring well installation using the procedure outlined in Section B.2.3.

B.4 Emergency Disposable Sample Container Cleaning

New one-pint or one-quart mason jars may be used to collect samples for analyses of organic compounds and metals in waste and soil samples during an emergency. These containers would also be acceptable on an emergency basis for the collection of water samples for extractable organic compounds, pesticides, and metals analyses. These jars cannot be used for the collection of water samples for volatile organic compound analyses.

The rubber sealing ring should not be in contact with the jar and aluminum foil should be used, if possible, between the jar and the sealing ring. If possible, the jar and aluminum foil should be rinsed with pesticide-grade isopropanol and allowed to air dry before use. Several empty bottles and lids should be submitted to the laboratory as blanks for quality control purposes.